

CHIVIA HORTON, FORSYTHE'S DEPUTY MANAGER

Chivia Horton, the new Deputy Manager of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, comes to the Refuge from the Pahrnatagat NWR. It is located in southern Nevada. There, Chivia served as Refuge Manager. Pahrnatagat is a member of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The Refuge was established as a migratory bird refuge. It consists of about 4,000 of lush wetlands habitat that includes two lakes, marsh and a wet meadow. This serves as an oasis for more than 250 bird species. The remaining 1,000 acres is xeric desert habitat.



Chivia earned her BA degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University. After graduation, she served in Region 5 as an Environmental Career Organization intern. In this capacity, Chivia assisted at numerous field stations in fisheries, ecological services, plus various field duties at Refuges within the Region. Returning to her home town, Chicago, she worked as a SCEP student at the USFWS Chicago Ecological Services. She simultaneously attended Northwestern Illinois University where she earned her MA in Geography and Environmental Studies. Chivia's Master's focus was on human perceptions of green infrastructure.

During her career with the USFWS, Chivia has been involved in many diverse experiences. These include:

- Wildlife Toxicology
- Pollution Prevention
- Air Emissions Monitoring
- Refuge Management

Chivia's appointment as Deputy Manager represents a return to Forsythe. She has previously served at the Refuge as a short term intern. She is excited to be back and in her new position at Forsythe.